

CAPSULE SUMMARY**BA-2417****Hellman House****1808 Sutton Avenue****St. Denis, Baltimore County****Private****1860**

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Hellman House

other

2. Location

street and number 1808 Sutton Avenue not for publication

city, town Baltimore vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Joseph A. Hergenhan, 2nd and Mary C. Hergenhan

street and number 1808 Sutton Avenue telephone Not Available

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21227-5026

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 108/76

city, town Towson liber 14495 folio 2

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

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			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
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7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

EXTERIOR

The Hellman House, constructed in 1860, is sited in a small rural village called St. Dennis southeast of Halethorpe and immediately north of the Patapsco River. Facing northeast, this large brick dwelling sits close to the road, similar to the neighboring dwellings of St. Dennis, and is on a grassy sloping lot. The property has two driveways, one on either side of the house, and is surrounded by trees and shrubs. The driveway leading to the garage on the north side of the house is paved with bricks. The one-story wood-frame garage, constructed circa 1930, is one bay wide and clad with wood shingles. The front door has been removed and the rear elevation features a center single-leaf paneled door flanked by window openings missing their panes. The garage is capped with a front-gable roof which is clad with asphalt shingles and features exposed roof rafters. The wood shed on the south side of the dwelling is one-story high, one-bay wide, and is capped with an off-center side-gable roof.

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The first story of the façade of the Hellman House (northeast elevation) exhibits a central entrance illuminated with a 1-light transom and flanked by 1/1 wood-sash sidelights. The first story features four 6/6 windows and the second story is pierced with four 6/6 windows and one single-leaf door. The central door on the second-story led to a balcony above the one-story porch that is no longer extant. This entrance contains a 9-light over 2-panel wood door. Each of the openings on this elevation are supported with square wood sills and jack arch lintels. The flat roof porch across the full-width of the façade is supported with Tuscan columns. The wood deck of the porch rests on a brick pier foundation.

The northwest elevation of the Hellman House features window openings on three levels. The basement story exhibits one 6/6 window. The first and second stories are pierced with two and four 6/6 windows respectively. The rear window openings on both the first and second stories is supported with soldier lintels and rowlock sills. The remaining windows have jack-arch lintels and wood sills. The northwest elevation of the summer kitchen is pierced with two multi-light wood-sash windows. The poor condition of these windows does not allow a determination of the number of lights each sash contained.

The rear elevation (southwest) of the Hellman House is three stories in height due to the slope of the landscape. The basement level is pierced with three 6/6 windows and a single-leaf 9-light over 2-panel wood door. The first story features two 6/6 windows and one single-leaf four-paneled wood door. The second story is pierced with three 6/6 windows the center of which is slightly lower than the flanking windows. Each of the windows features soldier lintels and rowlock sills. A ghost outline of a porch roof is visible above the first story center bay. A non-historic wood deck provides exterior access to the first story entrance on southwest elevation. The southwest elevation of the summer kitchen has one vertical-board pull-down door.

The first story of the southeast elevation exhibits a window, door, window, door configuration with 6/6 windows and single-leaf doors. The rear door is a 12-light over 2-panel wood replacement door. The northernmost door, called a 4-panel coffin door, is original and is wider than any of the other four exterior doors. This threshold to this door originally was set approximately three feet above ground. The second story is pierced with four 6/6 windows. The southernmost windows on the first and second story have rowlock sills and soldier lintels whereas the remaining windows feature jack-arch lintels and wood sills. Covering the

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southernmost doorway is a half-hipped roof portico. The portico is supported with square posts with corner brackets and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

INTERIOR

The Hellman House features a double-pile plan with a central passage. To the rear of the center hall is the dog-leg stair to the second story. Underneath the stair is access to a descending stair to the basement. The open-stringer stair features a turned and tapered newel post, a round rail, and rectangular wood balusters. The original yellow pine random-width floorboards are tongue-and-groove and the ceiling and walls are covered with lath and plaster. Around the perimeter of the hall is the original six-inch-high fascia baseboard. Each of the doors features a square-edged four-inch-wide casing with an astragal molding and are four panels each. The front and rear exterior doors are both four-panel doors with iron lock boxes and wood knobs. The panels are raised and lack molding details. The descending stair underneath the main stair in the hall is accessed through a vertical-board door. The only door with moldings is the parlor door. The profile consists of a cyma recta and a cyma reversa separated by a fillet with a slightly raised panel. Many of the original doorknobs in the entire house have been replaced either with porcelain or clear crystal knobs. The hardware for a service bell to the second floor exists in the center hall.

Much of the historic fabric throughout the Hellman House is intact with features similar from room to room. Separating the front hall is a two-leaf pocket door of four raised panels each with replacement handles. The living room (historically called the hall) and the dining room have similar materials as the center hall including floorboards, walls, ceiling, casings (same for both the doors and windows), and doors. The baseboard is similar to the hall with the addition of a non-historic shoe molding. Each chimney breast extends into the room and features a brick hearth repointed with Portland cement. Each fireplace features a simple Classical-style mantel and replacement fire bricks. Underneath the mantel shelf is an ovolo molding and the pilasters have a splayed capital and a plinth. Radiators have been installed in both rooms.

Original materials in the parlor that are the same as the hall include the floors and casings. The baseboard is similar with the addition of a non-historic shoe molding. The coffin door on the southeast wall has four raised panels and a wood doorknob. A wood-burning stove and gas radiators have been installed in this room.

The southeast corner room of the Hellman House has been altered in order to add a bathroom on the first floor. A bathroom, side hall, and a closet are located in between the parlor and the kitchen on the east side of the dwelling. The side hall and kitchen have similar materials as the parlor including the floorboards, lath and plaster walls, baseboard, and window and door casings. The kitchen ceiling has been replaced with thin wood grooved boards. The bathroom door is a 4-panel door and the pantry door in the kitchen is a grooved vertical-board door. The kitchen features an exposed replacement chimney. Not original to the kitchen is the crown molding with a double cyma recta molding profile. Non-historic cabinets have been installed in the kitchen.

A wide center hall flanked by two bedrooms on each side was the original plan of the second floor. At the present time there are four bedrooms, one bathroom, one office, and a storage room on the second floor. The historic fabric such as the doors, walls, ceiling, floors, and casings on the second floor is similar to the first floor. The dog-leg stair in the hall has a similar newel post as the first floor at each landing. A pull-down stair in the center hall provides access to the attic and cupola.

The basement is separated into four distinct spaces. One section at the front of the house is an area which serves only as a crawl space. The second room towards the front of the dwelling is dug-out with a dirt floor and possibly served as a milk room/root cellar. A full-height door made of vertical slats divides this front space to the rear finished area. A door such as this is typical of milk rooms to aid in the ventilation of the milk stored inside the room.(1) The ceiling joists throughout the basement are circular sawn. The floor in the rear two rooms of the basement is poured concrete. Originally, the walls and ceiling were covered with lath

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and plaster. The original fireplace is in-filled with brick and the plaster above the fireplace opening is made to look like a splayed brick lintel. Access to the summer kitchen is either through the basement or the exterior of the summer kitchen. The door in the basement to the summer kitchen is a four-panel door.

ENDNOTES

1. Samuel Deane in 1797 described the advantages of having a milk room in *The New England Farmer or Georgical Dictionary*, 2d. ed. (Worcester, Mass.: Isaiah Thomas, 1797), 21. Taken from Thomas D. Visser, *Field Guide to New England Barns and Farm Buildings*. (Hanover: UP of New England, 1997), p. 109.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
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Specific dates 1860

Architect/Builder John Joseph Hellman, Jr.

Construction dates 1860

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENT

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HISTORY

The Hellman House is located at 1808 Sutton Road in St. Denis in the Thirteenth District of Baltimore County. The Thirteenth District of Baltimore County is the smallest in area in the county. It's proximity to the Baltimore City line infiltrates the district with a dense suburban population. According to Scharf in 1881, the Thirteenth District amounted to 3,314 people an increase of sixty-five percent from 1870. The District is bounded by the Middle Branch of the Patapsco to the east, to the south is the Patapsco, on the west by the First District, and on the north by the First District and Baltimore City. In 1881, the major towns of the district included Mount Winans and St. Denis.(1)

In the late 19th century the St. Denis Post Office was located at the Relay House. The Relay House was also considered the Washington Junction of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. According to Scharf, St. Denis is the location where the trains of cars changed their horses. Crossing the Patapsco, this is also the location of the Thomas Viaduct, one of the largest stone viaducts in the United States at the time it was built in 1835. Designed by Benjamin H. Latrobe, the Thomas Viaduct was so named in honor of the first president of the B&O Railroad company, Philip E. Thomas.(2) In order to attract the city crowds during the late 19th century, the railroad built a dancing pavilion near the Relay Station. The railroad company also was involved in suburban development of the stations including Relay-St. Denis. After the Civil War a developer purchased the lots in St. Denis and auctioned them off. According to Brooks, much of the housing stock became the residences of the railroad workers. (3)

Constructed in 1860, the Hellman House is not yet depicted on the Sydney Atlas. At this time the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad is running along the Patapsco River with the Middle Branch crossing over the Thomas Viaduct in St. Denis. There is a very small collection of buildings in the area including the Relay House, Avalon Iron Works, and Samuel Sutton's dwelling.(4)

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and Mary Vernetson purchased the property from Martin H. Burke. On the 1915 Bromley Atlas St. Denis Park is delineated on the map, situated between the Patapsco River and the Baltimore and Ohio RR. The land on which the Hellman House is sited is on a small rectangular lot at the southwest end of Willow Road. The 1915 Atlas depicts W.G. Vernetson as the owner of this small tract which includes the square dwelling and a dwelling sited to the southeast. Surrounding this lot is a large tract owned by Rebecca Brown. Four small lots have been developed along Sutton Avenue adjacent to the Vernetson tract. At this time to the northwest of the Hellman House is a coal yard.(6)

The Hellman House remained in the Vernetson family until 1974, sixty-five years total, when Robert A. Carlson and Mary C. (Vernetson) Carlson conveyed it to Ignazio J. and Ellen K.G. Ruvolo. The Ruvolos sold the property to David E. Stahl in 1977. In the last quarter of the 20th century the Hellman House exchanges hands several times until it is purchased by Joseph A. Hergenhan, 2nd and Mary C. Hergenhan in 2000.

ENDNOTES

1. J. Thomas Scharf, History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 936.
2. Scharf, p. 936.
3. Neal A. Brooks and Eric G. Rockel, A History of Baltimore County (Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979), p. 158.
4. J.C. Sidney, Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).
5. Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877), p. 70.
6. Map of Baltimore County (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

CHAIN OF TITLE

May 1, 1860 Samuel Sutton et al, Executor of George Brown to John Joseph Hellman, Jr.
Baltimore County Courthouse
Liber GHC 29 Folio 359

Surveyor is William Dawson, January 7, 1857

November 17, 1864 John Joseph Hellman, Jr. to Margaret Elizabeth Hellman
Baltimore County Courthouse
Liber JHC 43 Folio 162

November 28, 1902 Benjamin Rosenheim, Trustee to Mary E. Burke and Martin Burke to Martin H. Burke
Baltimore County Courthouse
Liber NBM 263 Folio 570

May 25, 1909 Martin H. Burke to William and Mary Vernetson
Baltimore County Courthouse

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Liber WPC 342 Folio 389

December 30, 1940 Mary B. Vernetson to William Vernetson, et al
Baltimore County Courthouse
Liber CWB, Jr. 1144 Folio 95

April 10, 1952 Mary B. Vernetson to Charles Hopkins Brown
Baltimore County Courthouse
Liber GLB 2095 Folio 263

April 10, 1952 Charles Hopkins Brown to Mary B. Vernetson
Baltimore County Courthouse
Liber GLB 2095 Folio 266

Mary B. Vernetson died 1962, so 1/3 went to Margaret McManus, Elizabeth Hammond, and William Vernetson

November 22, 1972 Mary C. Vernetson, Executor of William G. Vernetson and Margaret McManus
to Robert A. and Mary C. Carlson
Baltimore County Courthouse
Liber EHK, Jr. 5319 Folio 676

December 19, 1974 Robert A. and Mary C. Carlson to Ignazio J. and Ellen K.G. Ruvolo
Baltimore County Courthouse
Liber EHK, Jr. 5499 Folio 10

June 14, 1977 Ignazio J. and Ellen K.G. Ruvolo to David Stahl and Janey Humphrey
Baltimore County Courthouse
Liber EHK, Jr. 5764 Folio 960

May 24, 1985 David E. Stahl and Janey Humphrey to David E. Stahl
Baltimore County Courthouse
Liber EHK, Jr. 7102 Folio 612

May 28, 1987 David E. Stahl to Michael W. Trippe
Baltimore County Courthouse
Liber SM 7569 Folio 6

December 27, 1995 Michael W. and Camilla S. Trippe to Thomas W. and Jacqueline R. Browning
Baltimore County Courthouse
Liber 11404 Folio 297

February 23, 2000 Thomas W. and Jacqueline R. Browning to Mary C. Hergenhan
Baltimore County Courthouse
Liber 14321 Folio 398

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May 31, 2000

Mary C. Hergenhan to Joseph A. Hergenhan, 2nd and Mary C. Hergenhan
Baltimore County Courthouse
Liber 14495 Folio 2

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.2015 acres

Acreage of historical setting 5 acres

Quadrangle name Relay, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Hellman House is located at 1808 Sutton Avenue in the Thirteenth District of Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 108 parcel 76 since its construction in the mid 19th century.

11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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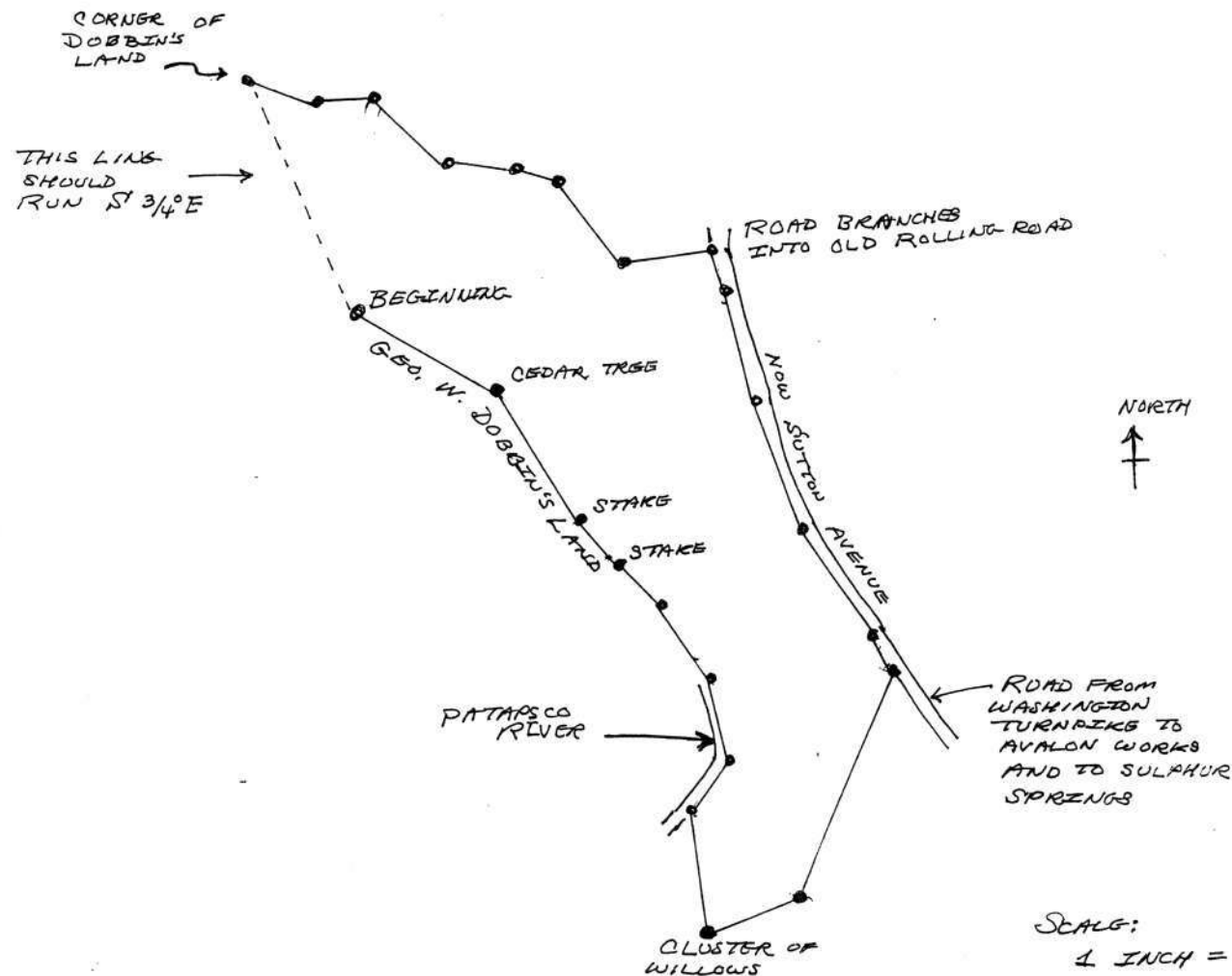
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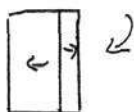
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ST. DENIS, Baltimore Co.
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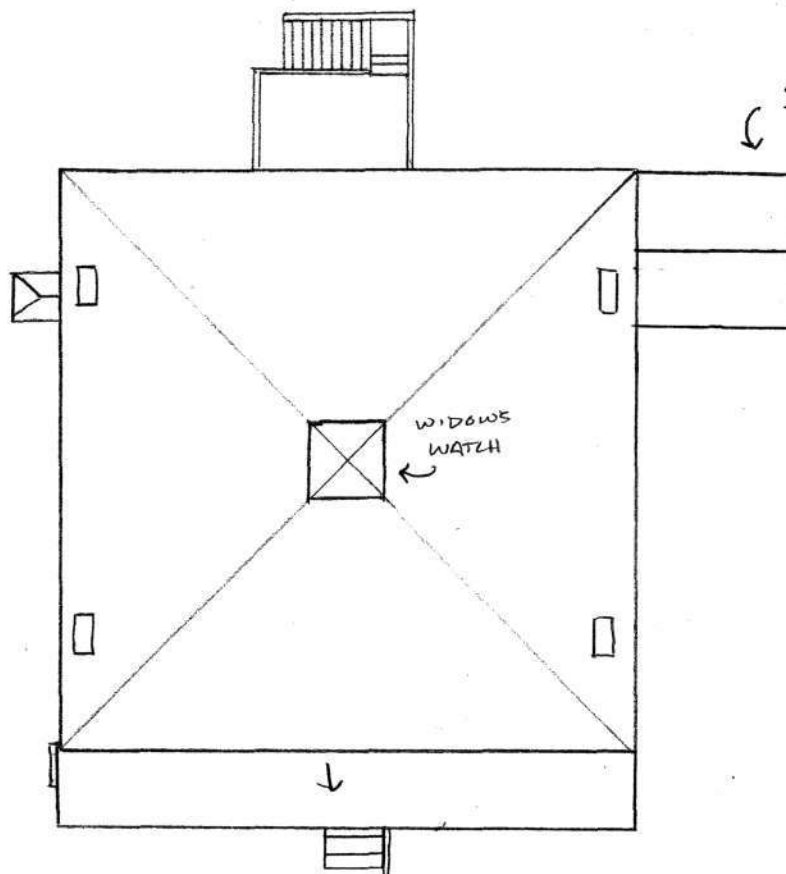
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1 story



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SUTTON AVENUE

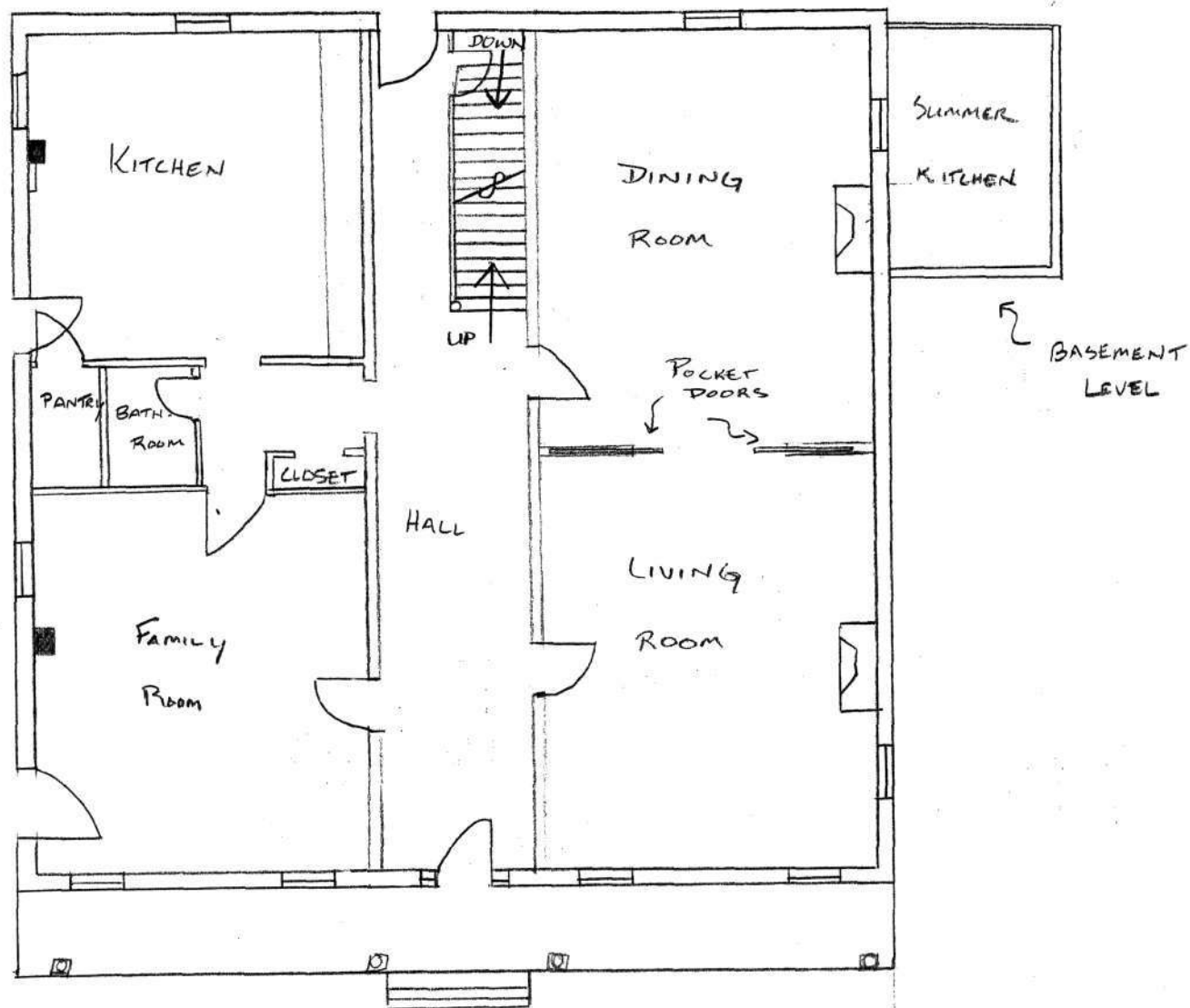
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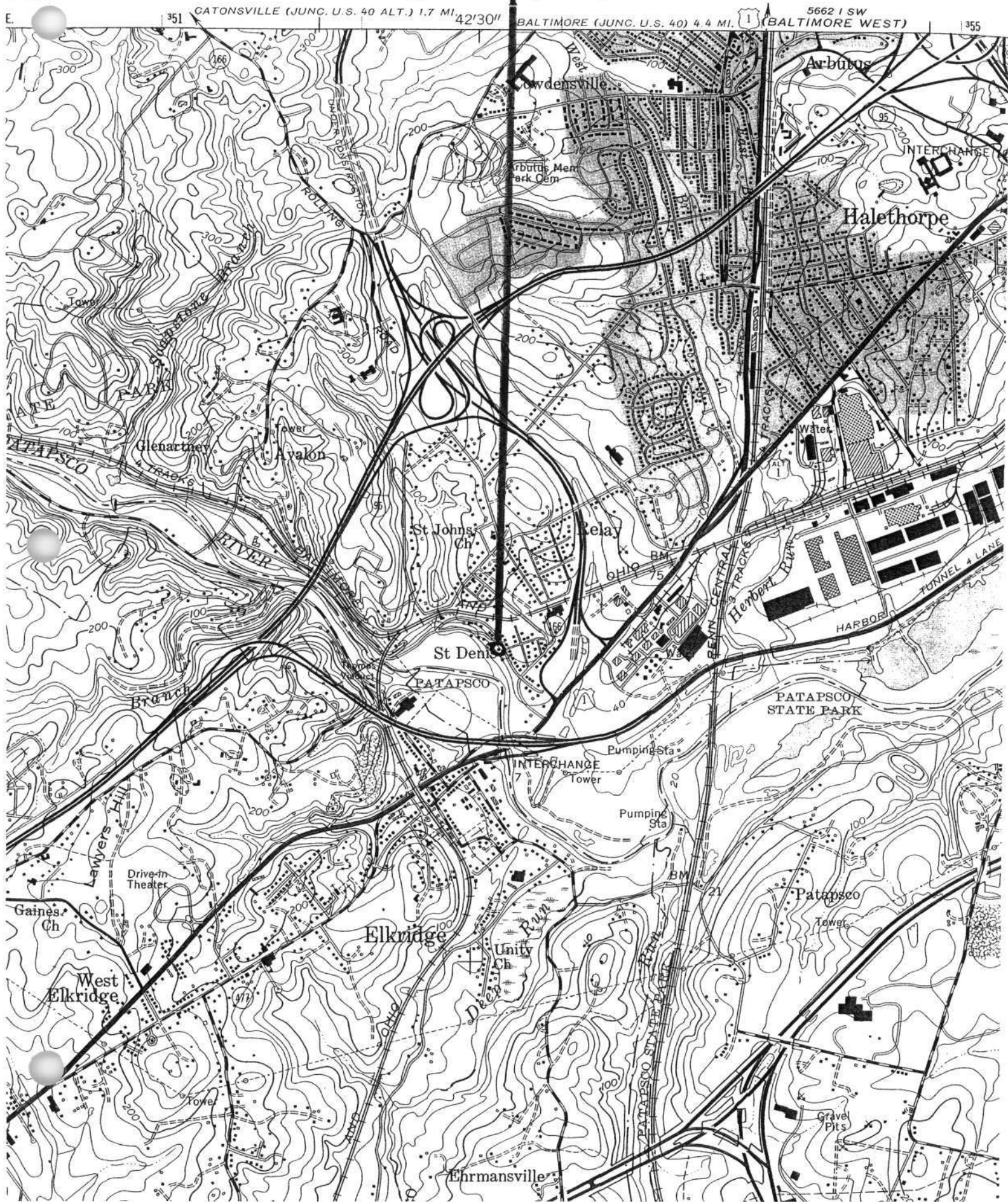
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN



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1808 Sutton Avenue
St. Denis, Baltimore County
Relay, MD USGS Quad Map





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GARAGE, NORTHEAST ELEVATION

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FIRST FLOOR, HALL, VIEW LOOKING NORTHEAST

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FIRST FLOOR, KITCHEN, VIEW LOOKING EAST

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1855 ca.
Private

The Joseph Hellman House was constructed circa 1855 in the village of Relay Station (also known as St. Dennis Post Office). As late as 1850, the village of Relay, although accessible by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, was only a nominal station along the railway corridor. The area was only sparsely populated by the Sutton, Smith, Dunn, McCann, and Lowe families, among others. The railroad rendered the community accessible for suburban development through the late 19th century, and by 1877, several dwellings and other structures had been erected in the growing town. This growth was enabled largely by the auction of lots by a local developer. The estate of Joseph Hellman, which was established in the 1850s on the north shore of the Patapsco River, included several dwellings in the late 1870s. The town of Relay continued to grow through the early 20th century, and in 1915, the Joseph Hellman House was part of Rebecca Brown's estate.

The Joseph Hellman House is a two-story dwelling of solid five-course American bond brick construction with a five-course American bond brick foundation and an asphalt-shingled hipped roof that terminates in a small, square cupola of wood frame construction pierced on each side by two paired eight-light casement windows below a pyramidal roof. Four interior stretcher bond brick chimneys rise from the east and west elevations. The five-bay-wide façade, or north elevation, is centrally pierced by a sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood door with 1/1 sidelights and a one-light transom flanked by four 6/6 windows. Four 6/6 windows flank a central sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood door that pierces the second story. All façade openings have found-edged wood surrounds, sills, and brick jack-arched lintels. A full-width, three-bay-wide porch with a half-hipped roof that is supported by Tuscan columns shelters the first-story openings. Prior documentation of the property indicates that the second story entry historically opened onto a gallery porch. The circa 1950 garage is a one-story, one-bay-square wood frame building clad in wood shingles with an asphalt-shingled front gable roof.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2417

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Joseph Hellman House (preferred), Hellman House

other

2. Location

street and number 1808 Sutton Avenue not for publication

city, town Baltimore vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Joseph A. Hergenhan, II and Mary Campbell Hergenhan

street and number 1808 Sutton Avenue telephone Not Available

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21227

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 14495 folio 2

city, town Towson tax map 108 tax parcel 76 tax ID number 2000011895

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

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7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Constructed circa 1855, the Joseph Hellman House is a two-story dwelling of solid five-course American bond brick construction with a five-course American bond brick foundation and an asphalt-shingled hipped roof that terminates in a small, square cupola of wood frame construction pierced on each side by two paired eight-light casement windows below a pyramidal roof. Four interior stretcher bond brick chimneys rise from the east and west elevations. The five-bay-wide façade, or north elevation, is centrally pierced by a sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood door with 1/1 sidelights and a one-light transom flanked by four 6/6 windows. Four 6/6 windows flank a central sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood door that pierces the second story. All façade openings have found-edged wood surrounds, sills, and brick jack-arched lintels. A full-width, three-bay-wide porch with a half-hipped roof that is supported by Tuscan columns shelters the first-story openings. Prior documentation of the property indicates that the second story entry historically opened onto a gallery porch.

The circa 1950 garage is a one-story, one-bay-square wood frame building clad in wood shingles with an asphalt-shingled front gable roof. The building sits on a poured concrete slab foundation and is pierced by a wide doorway with a square-edged wood surround.

8. Significance

Inventory No. BA-2417

Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1855 ca.-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1855 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

² Neal A. Brooks and Eric G. Rockel, *A History of Baltimore County* (Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979). p. 158; see also *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1877).

³ *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G.W. Bromley, 1915).

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .50 Acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Relay Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1855, the Joseph Hellman House has been associated with the 1.2 acres of land known as tax parcel 76 of map 108 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

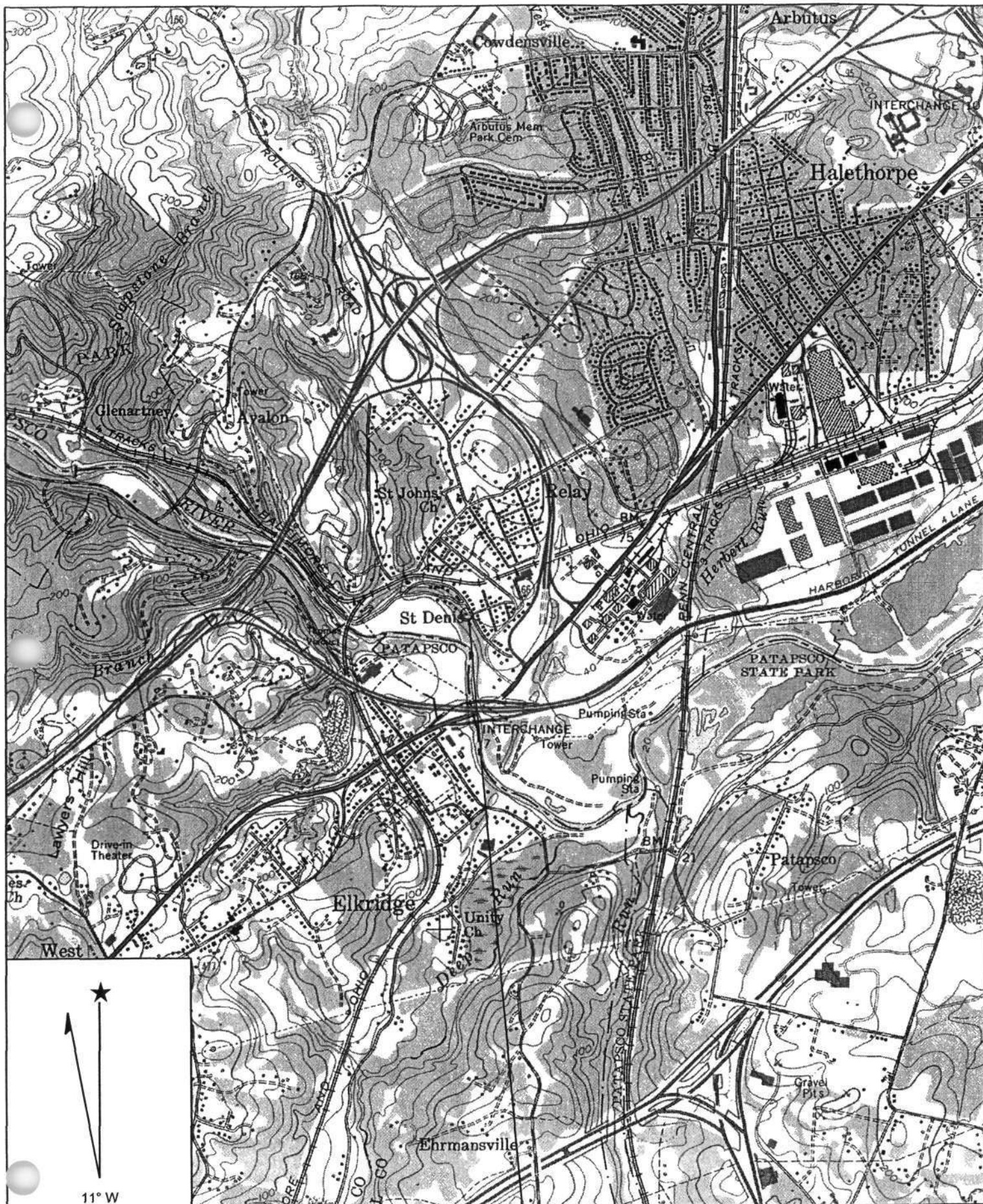
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Name: RELAY
 Date: 6/3/2003
 Scale: 1 inch equals 2000 feet

Location: 18 352809 E 4342660 N
 Caption: BA-2417
 Joseph Hellman House
 1808 Sutton Ave., Relay



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